

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 160435
ORIGIN COME-00

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 EB-07 /018 R

DRAFTED BY COM/OED/MEPD/JLSMITH/MM
-----009534 111933Z /53
R 111842Z JUL 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 160435

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BENC, GB

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: OWENDO AND SANTA CLARA PORTS,
TRANSGABON SPUR

REF: A) LIBREVILLE 1666 B) STATE 138492
C) LIBREVILLE 1340 D) STATE 116445

1. O'SULLIVAN OF BROWN AND ROOT CONTACTED USDOC/MEPD TO INDICATE HIS FIRM INTENDS PURSUE CONTRACT CARRY OUT CONSTRUCTION FOR ALL SUBJECT PROJECTS. HE INDICATED B&R HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH DUTCH ENGINEERS AND HAS LEARNED THEY INTEND DELIVER PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS TO GOG WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. HE ALSO STATED BCEOM CONTINUES UNWILLING PROVIDE INFORMATION, ALLEGING IT WORKING TO SUPPORT SPIE BATTIGNOLLES OF FRANCE.

2. RE AUTHORIZATION MENTIONED IN REFS B,C, AND D, O'SULLIVAN STATED OCTRA DIRECTOR TSIBAH HAD MADE VERBAL AUTHORIZATION. HOWEVER, HE SUGGESTED EMBASSY NOT PURSUE QUESTION AT THIS TIME SINCE GUY CARREAU OF B&R, NOW IN GHANA, IS BEING INSTRUCTED VISIT LIBREVILLE NEXT WEEK FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 160435

DISCUSSIONS WITH GOG OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY TSIBAH.

O'SULLIVAN PLANS VISIT GABON HIMSELF APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AFTER CARREAU VISIT.

3. DESPITE STATEMENT BY DAMAS REPORTED IN REF C, O'SULLIVAN MAINTAINS HE MET WITH RAWIRI, TSIBAH, AND

DAMAS DURING LAST B&R TEAM VISIT TO GABON AND STATES HE PRESENTED PREQUALIFICATION DATA TO ALL THREE OFFICIALS AT THAT TIME. NEVERTHELESS, HE PLAN- PERSONALLY DELIVER ADDITIONAL MATERIAL TO OPRAG, OCTRA, AND MINISTRY.

4. OCEANIC AND OTHER INTERESTED FIRMS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED REF A.

5. WE UNDERSTAND DAMAS IN NEW YORK BUT THAT RAWIRI HAS ALREADY LEFT TO RETURN TO GABON. VANCE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 11-Jul-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE160435
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: OED/MEPD/JLSMITH/MM
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770246-0438
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770770/aaaacjcu.tel
Line Count: 73
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: e9d1676d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN COME
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 LIBREVILLE 1666, 77 STATE 138492
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1902158
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MAJOR PROJECTS: OWENDO AND SANTA CLARA PORTS, TRANSGABON SPUR
TAGS: BENC, GB
To: LIBREVILLE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/e9d1676d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009